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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Mitsuo SAEKI et al.

Serial No. 09/770,238

Group Art Unit: 2838

Confirmation No. 6797

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Examiner: Sterrett, Jeffrey L.

For: SPIKE CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DC-DC CONVERTER (As Amended)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: